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This is the most popular place in
town for shopping.
Ladies Waiting Room.
GUY B. SHACKLEFORD.

THE CLARKE COURIER

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Abolish the Fee System

Abolish the fee system. It is nothing short of robbery of the taxpayers. None of these officers earn anything near what they are paid; some of them receive six times what their services are worth. This is a vital issue. It should be vigorously pushed before the meeting of the Legislature, and a great public sentiment should be crystallized to compel the passage of a bill establishing a salary basis for the payment of these men. (Ala.) Montgomery News.

This statement is equally applicable to existing conditions in Virginia. There may be a very few officers who are earning what they are paid; but they are in a conspicuous minority. There majority of officers paid by fees are overpaid. No one doubts the logic of the proposition that the fee system should be abolished. It is not a question of logic, but a question of strength. It is true of Alabama, as it is of Virginia, that the courts house rings in the different counties are able to muster more political strength than the representatives of the people. If the question shall be put in convention or in the General Assembly, it will be decided by the one test of whether or not the rings are more powerful than the people.

If the fee system advocates prevail, at least a law ought to be passed requiring all fees, under severe penalties, to be paid into the county treasury, to be held there and computed and the total made public before the fees are paid over to the officers entitled to them under the law. The can be no harm in such publicity, for it would not affect the finances of the officers nor would it be unjust to the people to let them know what their public servants are getting. If publicity of campaign contributions is required in this Commonwealth, why should not publicity of fees received by county officers be obtained by law.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Readers of the *Courier* will recall the fact that we have been urging abolition of the fee system, and the placing of all officers upon a flat salary basis, for several years past. When we first advocated this step we did not see a single favorable comment from any paper in the State, but we are now glad to see that the Virginia press is practically unanimous in favoring this change.

Another suggestion which we believe was original with us was the movement to make the time at least four years between local option elections. The State press generally favored this movement, and Delegate Bell introduced a bill to that effect in the last Legislature. Many people, as well as newspapers, thought the measure had been enacted into law, but that was not the case. It was referred to committee and secured a favorable recommendation, we believe, but died "on the table." The *Richmond Journal*, at the seat of government, was one of the newspapers which labored under the impression that the Bell measure had been passed, basing that belief principally upon the lack of open opposition to the bill.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by all Dealers.

CULTIVATE THE SAVING HABIT.

It may change your whole life for the better and make great things possible to you.

BANK OF CLARKE COUNTY.
Capital and profits \$85,000.00.

Infant Dead.

Robert Frances Johnson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of near Berryville, died at the home of his parents last Tuesday, aged six months.

The funeral was held from the home on Friday, Rev. Julian Broadbudd officiating, and interment was made in Green Hill Cemetery.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This Liniment is one of the most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by all Dealers.

Wood, Wood, Wood,

Winter time is coming on. Get your wood before it's gone. D. LEMON FRIES.

COAL COAL COAL

All Grades, Sizes and Kinds. Leave your orders now for immediate delivery and save money. BERRYVILLE ICE CO., W. T. LEWIS, Mgr.

Great Piano Contest

The standing of the contestants in the great free piano contest at Simpson's Department Store, at Boyce, up to Tuesday of this week was as follows:

Miss Sallie Spates	19,267
" Vivian Meade	17,471
" Anna Jolliffe	13,325
" Daisy Brewer	12,433
" Viola Smith	3,917
" Mary Garvin	2,482
" Leora Lee	1,685
" Margaret Smallwood	1,048
" Mary McKay	362
" Mary Shippe	261

After December 1, all coupons will be dated; all coupons now out, must be turned in before that date to be redeemed by us.

The big contest closes at midnight on Saturday, December 31. All coupons, whether from purchases, or clipped from the *Courier*, must be turned in by midnight on December 31.

Marvelous Discoveries

mark the wonderful progress of the age. Air flights on heavy machines, telegrams without wires, terrible war inventions to kill men, and the wonder of wonders, Dr. King's New Discovery—to save life when threatened by coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis, hemorrhages, hay fever and whooping cough or lung trouble. For all bronchial affections it has no equal. It relieves instantly. Its sure cure. James M. Black of Asheville, N. C., R. R. No. 4, writes it cured him of an obstinate cough after all other remedies failed, 50c and \$1.00. A trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

The Boyce State Bank Inc.,

is a Pronounced Success: It accommodates the Public in every conceivable way; increases its Surplus, and pays Dividends to its stockholders. No bank can do more.

Senator Strode Visits Berryville.

State Senator Aubrey E. Strode, of Amherst, was a visitor here for a few hours last Friday, coming here to see Hon. Blackburn Smith on some legal matters.

Mr. Strode is one of the most energetic and valuable members of the State Senate, and will stand for re-election next year.

Many of the measures introduced by him were enacted into law, and he has made an excellent showing for his constituents in the State Senate.

He took dinner at the Battletown Inn and returned by the way of Blumont to Washington, going from there home.

A Woman's Great Idea

is how to make herself attractive. But, without health, it is hard for her to be lovely in face, form or temper. A weak, sickly woman will be nervous and irritable. Constipation and kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. But Electric Bitters always prove a godsend to women who want health, beauty and friends. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood, give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth, velvety complexion, good health. Try them. 50c, at all Druggists.

Christmas Goods.

FINE ASSORTMENT OF CHRISTMAS CANDIES at attractive prices.

ORANGES. MALAGA GRAPES. MIXED NUTS.

Almonds, English Walnuts, Brazil nuts, Pecans, Filberts.

Mr. Fowler's Sale on March 6.

Since our last issue we learn that Mr. Robert Fowler's sale will be held on March 6, 1911.

Those who desire to keep a record of the coming public sales in this county will do well to clip the notices from the *Courier* and "paste them in your hat."

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever, since cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Sent for free. F. J. CROWLEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Stray Pig.

Came to my place a few weeks ago. Owner can have same by proving property and paying damages. J. H. COLEMAN.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a Stated Communication of Treadwell Lodge No. 213. A. F. & A. Masons held in Mason's Hall in Berryville, Va., on Thursday night, December 15th, A. L. 5910, A. D. 1910.

The Committee heretofore appointed to draft suitable and appropriate resolutions in regard to the death of Brother Joseph T. Griffith late Secretary of this lodge, reported the following:

Whereas It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our late friend and Brother, Joseph T. Griffith, and

Resolved that we recall with feelings of affection, his association with us and his devotion to duty as Secretary of this Lodge. Unless prevented unavoidably he was ever faithful and efficient in discharge of his duties. His life was a living exemplification of that Charity which never faileth, and his heart was ever open to the cry of the poor and unfortunate. Full of years he went to sleep; his dust returning to the earth as it was; his Spirit to the God who gave it;

Resolved further, That this feeble tribute to the memory of our deceased Brother be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge; be published in THE CLARKE COURIER, and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

A Copy, Tester: JAS. W. GAYER, Secretary, pro tem.

A Dreadful Wound

form a knife, gun, tin can, rusty nail, fireworks, or of any other nature, demands prompt treatment with Bucklen's Arnica Salve to prevent blood poison or gangrene. It's the quickest, surest healer for all such wounds as also for Burns, Boils, Sores, Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Chapped Hands, Corns or Piles. 25c at all Druggists.

Prepare for Christmas.

Full line of Candies of all kinds. Fancy box Candies a specialty. Best assortment of 7c Candies ever seen here.

Fruit of all kinds. Toys—the latest word in everything for the children.

Oysters and Lunches all the time.

Ice Cream for Christmas and New Year. Let us have your order early.

G. W. ESTES.

Dramatic Club to Have Play at Christmas

The members of the Berryville Dramatic Club are preparing a farce comedy in three acts, entitled "Oh, Susannah," to be played in Winston Hall, on Friday night, December 30, proceeds to be for charitable purposes.

The plot of the comedy is exceedingly well laid, and it is both amusing and entertaining throughout. Plays much of the same character have been produced by the club for several successive winters, and this one promises much in the way of entertainment.

CRYING FOR HELP.

Lots of it in Berryville But Daily Growing Less.

The kidneys cry for help. Not an organ in the whole body so delicately constructed.

Not one so important to health. The kidneys are the filters of the blood. When they fail the blood becomes foul and poisonous.

There can be no health where there is poisoned blood. Backache is one of the first indications of kidney trouble.

It is the kidneys' cry for help. Heed it. Doan's Kidney Pills are what is wanted. Are just what overworked kidneys need. They strengthen and invigorate the kidneys; help them to do their work, never fail to cure any case of kidney disease.

Read the proof from a Berryville citizen. D. H. Snyder, Main St., Berryville, Va., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills did me a great deal of good and I am glad to endorse them. They were procured at J. C. Ayler's Drug Store and after taking them my kidneys and entire system were strong."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c each. Foster-McIlhenny Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. COAL COAL COAL All Grades, Sizes and Kinds. Leave your orders now for immediate delivery and save money. BERRYVILLE ICE CO., W. T. LEWIS, Mgr.

Boyce School Report

The Honor Roll of the Boyce High School, for the third month, ending December 9, has just been announced, as follows:

First Grade—John Cadwallader, Elmer Hockman and Eleanor Hockman.

Second Grade—Louis Carper.

Third Grade—Harry Lake and Hazel Painter.

Fourth Grade—Edmonia Clarke, Margaretta Carper, Bertha Grim and Bennie Romine.

Fifth Grade—John Clark.

Sixth Grade—William Bortner, Charles Copenhaver, and Joseph Keeler.

Seventh Grade—George Spates, Frances Burch and Mary Garvin. High School Department—Miss Hattie Holland and Mr. Beverly Holland.

The School will close for the Holidays on Friday December 23, and will reopen Monday morning, January 2.

At the Methodist Church.

Services on Christmas Day will be held at the M. E. Church, South, at 11 a. m. An anthem by the choir and other appropriate music will be rendered. The sermon will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Williams.

At 7.30 p. m. a story and song service will be held, the title being "The Shepherd's Story," adapted from the "Cross Triumphant." The time of the story is about 58 A. D.

The scene is laid in the village of Bethlehem. The inspiring music of the service will be rendered by a full choir, and the thrilling story will be read by the pastor.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by all Dealers.

For Christmas.

Toys for the Babies. A fine line of the best candies, oranges and nuts.

Pearl Oyster Crackers; just arrived.

OYSTERS—Selects and Standards.

Celery, Malaga Grapes, Cranberries, Raisins, Dates, Currants and Citron.

J. P. KERCHVAL & Co.

High School Honor Roll.

The following are the names of the students who are entitled to Honor Cards for the month ending December 7.

High School Department—Senior Class, Messrs. Rice Levi and Neil Barnett; First Year Class, Miss Margaret Macomb, Mr. Shelby Timberlake.

Grammar Department—Eighth grade, Gordon Baldwin; sixth grade, Margaret Kerr, Ada Levi, Randolph Jones; fifth grade, Edith Estep, Elizabeth Timberlake, Paul Barr, Frances Macomb, Katie Carroll, Thomas Shepherd.

Primary Department—Fourth grade, Josephine Tavenner, Edna Rush; third grade, Mattie Longenecker, Louise Ramsburg, Kathleen Estep; first grade, Bernard Jones.

Both Junior and Senior classes made a record of 100 per cent present, with very few tardy marks.

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plainly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by all Dealers.

Fancy Christmas Apples.

Ship your friends a classy box of Virginia Apples. Unsurpassed in quality, and in every way the peer of the famous Western fruit.

ARCHIE R. ARNETTE, R. F. D. 2, Berryville, Va.

NOTICE.

Mr. O. M. Phillips, one of the partners in the firm of Wm. Phillips Bros., having died, the affairs of the partnership must be settled. All persons having claims against the partnership will please present them, and we must ask that all debts due the firm be settled on or before February 1, 1911.

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Crystal Wedding Celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Neill celebrated their "Crystal Wedding," the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage, last Saturday night, from 8 to 10, at their home on South Church street.

The couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. Mrs. Nannie Eastphouse assisted in receiving and Miss Kitty McDonald presided at the punch bowl.

Among the guests were the Misses Annie and Margaret Moore, Frances Wolfe, Anne and Mary McDonald, of Charles Town, Manie White, Bessie McCormick, Rosalie McCormick, Nan Thomas, Daisy Warden, Fannie and Sophia Powers, Kate Powers, of Wickliffe, Harriet and Virginia Washington and Lucy Gold; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip H. Powers, Mr. W. H. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ware, Mr. A. Moore, Jr., Mrs. R. O. Allen, Mr. Jack Smith, Mrs. P. McCormick, Mrs. A. P. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McCormick, Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Whiting, Mrs. W. T. Lewis, Mrs. M. C. Brown, Col. and Mrs. S. S. Thomas, Rev. and Mrs. Edward Wall, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. H. Clagett, Mrs. William Walker, Miss Hannah Williams, Mrs. J. S. Powers, Mrs. J. M. G. McGuire, and Messrs. Thomas and Bowles Lippitt, Harry Warden, Herbert Whiting, Eugene Glover, Basil Stevens, S. K. Harris and D. R. Meade.

Kept the King at Home.

"For the past year we have kept the King of all laxatives: Dr. King's New Life Pills—in our home and they have proved a blessing to all our family," writes Paul Matulka, of Buffalo, N. Y. Easy, but sure remedy for all Stomach, Liver, and Kidney troubles. Only 25c at all Druggists.

Dividend Notice.

The Board of Directors of The Boyce State Bank Incorporated have this December 6th 1910 declared the regular semi-annual dividend of three per cent (free of taxes) out of the profits of the last six months, payable January 2nd 1911, to stockholders of record December 31, 1910.

GEO. B. HARRISON, President.

The Fee System.

The Roanoke World realizing that the time is at hand for the abolition of the fee system says: Yes, let the test be applied. The people now fully realize the situation described and are willing to stand a contest. And we are firmly convinced that the fee system will go. Our legislatures are beginning to realize that it is costing too much to run the State government, and the commission investigating along many lines of retrenchment cannot possibly fail to see that the system affords one of the big levers. The enormous cost of our criminal procedure is due entirely to the fee system. These fees begin piling up the moment the suspect is arrested, and if the case is complicated the State finds it necessary in the end to pay an amount several times greater than it should be. We point out the alarming growth of crime in Virginia based on the cost to the State. It is not the amount of crime committed but the enormous cost to prosecute a small amount of crime.

The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold by all Dealers.

The Reason Why

This store is busy.

Fresh candy. Prices from 10c to \$1.50 per pound. Quality guaranteed.

Special—1000 pounds of mixed nuts at 14c per pound.

Oranges, 25c boxes at 30c per dozen. All large. Guaranteed price.

Grape fruit and Pineapples. Come in and examine prices and Stock. You are always welcome.

Oysters delivered just when you want them.

GUY B. SHACKLEFORD.

For Friday and Saturday Only—French cream and chocolates, 3 pounds, 29c. Only 3 pounds to each customer.

COAL COAL COAL All Grades, Sizes and Kinds. Leave your orders now for immediate delivery and save money. BERRYVILLE ICE CO., W. T. LEWIS, Mgr.

Locke-Hart.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hart at their home on Main street, yesterday (Tuesday) evening at 7 p. m., when their daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth became the bride of Mr. James Howard Locke, of Pitsaun, Pa.

The parlor was prettily decorated, the color scheme being green and white. Rev. Julian Broadbudd, D. D., of the Baptist church, performed the ceremony.

Mr. John Hart, Jr., brother of the bride was best man, and Mr. William Cameron was groomsmen. Miss Edith Pearl Hart, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Miss Evelyn L. Moore, of Washington, was bridesmaid.

The bride wore a gown of white organdy, and carried bride's roses; the bride's maids were gowned in white lingerie, and carried pink carnations.

The wedding music was rendered by Miss Jane C. Moore.

The couple were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents.

After a reception at the home of the bride, they left for a trip to the northern cities, after which they will reside in Pitsaun.

J. D. Willey Says

"If you want a Suit, Overcoat, Shoes, Hat, Cap, or anything in my line, don't fail to come to the Closing Out Sale THIS WEEK. Next week will be too late."

Stockholders' Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The Boyce State Bank Incorporated at Boyce, Va., will be held in the Banking House of said Bank on Tuesday, January 10, 1911, at 10 o'clock A. M.

GEO. B. HARRISON, President.

Payne-Riner.

One of the prettiest weddings that has taken place near Hedgesville, Berkeley county, for a long time was that of Miss Mary Isabelle Riner, daughter of John H. Riner, to Champ Shepherd Payne, formerly of Clarke county, which took place Wednesday night at the home of the bride's parents at 6.40 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. H. Cannon, Pastor of the Methodist Church, of that village.

The bride wore a handsome gown of white messaline, with a long veil, and gloves to match, and carried a cluster of bride's roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Jane S. Riner, sister of the bride, who was dressed in white silk and carried white carnations, and the best man was George Butler.

The ushers were Coe Riner and George Sparrow.

A delightful reception followed the ceremony. The waitresses at the table were Misses Bessie Butler, Ella Bader, Norma Nesmith, Nora Riner, Catherine McLuckie, Nettie McDonald, Catherine Collinsbarger and Maggie Riner. Mrs. C. A. Riner presided at the coffee urn, and Mrs. Mabel Lamaster, served chocolate. The color scheme was green and white, the table decorations being white roses, interspersed with green. The house decorations were spruce pine.

The young couple received many handsome presents, such as silver ware, cut glass, etc. Both are well known throughout the county and very popular young people. Mr. and Mrs. Payne will spend the winter with the bride's parents.

There were 210 people present at the wedding.

Christmas Candies Given Away.

It is just like having Christmas Candies given to you when you can buy them at J. D. Willey's Closing Out Sale at FIVE CENTS per pound.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express gratitude to the friends who came to our assistance at the recent fire at our home.

J. E. KERFOOT.

Only Three Days More

Remain in which you can secure the big bargains at J. D. Willey's Closing Out Sale—Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

COAL COAL COAL

All Grades, Sizes and Kinds. Leave your orders now for immediate delivery and save money. BERRYVILLE ICE CO., W. T. LEWIS, Mgr.

CORRESPONDENCE

John is Back Again.

John, old boy, we're glad to know you're back with us again. For when you left a year ago you gave us all much pain. For we feared that city life might make of you a swell. For life is at its best, you know, At the Berryville Hotel.

But now you're back and settled down With friendships fresh renewed, And snow a foot upon the ground And you are fairly stowed. With working jerking up and down From early morn till late. Getting fodder from the ground While sweat stands on your pate. We feel for you, my city friend, With sympathy sincere, And if we could we'd lend a hand To wipe away a tear.

That stands within your shaded eye As it sweeps the whitened ground And from your lips there falls a sigh Oh, were I back in Battletown. Cheer up, old boy, we'll stand by you, Our friendship's true and tried, And ere the Christmas week is o'er We'll ride the forming tide.

BETHEL BARD.

Santa Claus and Christmas.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 15, 1910.

EDITOR CLARKE COURIER: When those of the older generation were young, times were different from now. Christmas times, for example, were not as they are today.

Then the young folks hung up their stockings and the boy or girl who got an almond and a butternut and a cake or doughnut thought that Santa Claus was good indeed. If the boy happened to get a barlow knife and a pack of firecrackers he woke up the whole town to hear him celebrate. If the girl got a doll, in full dress, she had an idea that all the fairies in fairyland had arranged with Kris to bring the surprise that made the recipient the Queen of the Christmas-tide.

If one of either sex happened to get a pound of candy, the boy was the veritable "cock of the walk," and the girl was the pride and wonder of the village. To think of such a thing as getting a whole orange was out of the question—for Young America, in those days, thought that oranges grew in slices—but if a boy did get a whole orange, he felt "rich beyond the dreams of avarice."

For weeks and weeks the boys and girls were told, if they were good, maybe Kris Kringle would put some pennies in their stockings along with sticks of candy painted in all the colors of the rainbow. If a boy proved to be uncommonly good, Santa Claus would leave a sled outside the door. In that sled—or rather on it—the urethra (after selecting the steepest hill anywhere between Millwood and Battletown) would slide and slide and slide, and be as happy as "Kingdom Come."

Now how is it? Instead of sleds, there are visions of automobiles. The boy, instead of feeling honored with the privilege of riding behind his "Daddy" to March Court, wants to go to Baltimore or Philadelphia. When the writer was a youngster, he thought a trip from Millwood to Winchester, a way, so many miles beyond the Opegon, was like going out of the world. Even when a man of mature years wanted to go from Millwood to Baltimore, he went around and told all the neighbors goodbye before his departure, thinking probably they might never see his face again.

When he got back, if he ever did, the neighbors afore-said gave him an ovation. They dined with him and supped with him and even took breakfast with him, for a whole week, as they listened with rapt attention to his relation of what he saw and heard in Baltimore. In this day a man may journey to the land of the pyramids, take a glimpse at the Ottoman Empire, visit the Holy Land, view the Chinese Wall, in fact, circumnavigate the globe and be absent for a whole year, without being missed. Of a verity, how times have changed! Have they changed for the better? Perhaps, yes. Perhaps, no. In those good old days you could take dinner and supper and breakfast with a neighbor for six weeks and when you got ready to go, if you ever did get ready, you would be urged to come and stay longer. Now if you happen to